

British Columbia Historical Federation  
Annual General Meeting  
Victoria, BC  
12 May 2007

DRAFT Minutes

1. Call to order
  - The President, Patricia Roy, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM
2. Welcome
  - The President welcomed all delegates and guests to the 2007 AGM
  - The President also welcomed British Columbia Genealogical Society, Heritage Preservation Society of New Westminster, Society of Friends of St. Ann's Academy, Tumbler Ridge Museum Foundation, West Vancouver Historical Society, Royal BC Museum and Vancouver Island Military Museum as new members of the BCHF
3. In memory
  - The President asked the meeting to take a few moments to remember the contributions of those members of the BCHF and its members who had passed during the year.
4. Report on attendance and voting delegates (Pam Welwood)
  - The Secretary reported that there are 158 delegates to the annual conference and that there are 62 delegates representing 18 societies in attendance at the AGM
    - Motion: Accept the report – m/s Pam Welwood / Naomi Miller – carried
5. Agenda
  - Motion: Accept agenda as circulated – m/s Pam Welwood / J. Gresko – carried
6. Minutes of 2006 AGM (Gordon Miller)
  - Motion: Accept circulated minutes – m/s Gordon Miller / Ron Hyde – carried
7. BC History website (Ron Welwood) – The full report is appended
  - The website editor gave a demonstration of the revised BCHF website ([www.bchistory.ca](http://www.bchistory.ca))
8. Treasurer's report (Ron Greene)
  - The treasurer's report and financial statement were distributed and are appended. The Treasurer presented a brief summary of the report.
  - Michael Layland asked if the Federation had applied for grants. The Treasurer noted that an application to the Heritage Society of British Columbia for support of the pre-conference workshops had been denied.

- Ron Greene re-emphasized that the best way to ensure the financial health of the Federation was to have more subscriptions to the journal and urged member societies to encourage their members to subscribe
- Auditor. KPMG LLP of Victoria continues to provide their services without charge.
- Motions:
  - Accept Treasurer's report – m/s Ron Greene / Rosemarie Parent – carried
  - Appoint KPMG LLP as auditors for the forthcoming year – m/s Ron Greene / Don Reksten – carried
  - Send a letter thanking KPMG LLP, for their services – m/s Ron Greene / Lorraine Irving – carried

9. Member society reports (Part 1). Brief reports of the activities of the following societies were presented. The full reports are appended and will appear on the BCHF website

- Arrow Lakes Historical Society – presented by Rosemarie. Parent
- Alberni District Historical Society – presented by Judy Carlson
- Boundary Historical Society – presented by Alice Glanville
- BC History of Nursing Group – presented by Naomi Miller
- Cowichan Historical Society – presented by Suzan Lagrove
- Gulf Islands Branch, BCHF – presented by Andrew Loveridge
- British Columbia Genealogical Society – presented by Diane Rogers
- East Kootenay Historical Association – presented by Irene Kaun
- Hallmark Society – presented by J. Rogers
- Gray Creek Historical Society – presented by Tom Lymbery
- Parksville and District Historical Society – presented by Ted Scott

10. Committee reports

- a) Membership report – presented by Ron Hyde. The full report is appended
  - BCHF has 98 member societies, plus 9 affiliated societies representing 9,878 individual members
  - additional 3 societies have applied for membership during the Victoria conference
- b) BC History Editor – no report presented.
  - Ron Greene reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> issue for 2006 had been mailed. Editorial work on 2007 issues is well in hand.
  - A new printer was selected in Victoria. It is hoped that past technical difficulties will be eliminated.
  - The 2006 Anne and Phillip Yandle Award for best article in *British Columbia History* is awarded to *Boris Karloff in British Columbia* by Greg Nesteroff. The award will be presented to the author by Ron Welwood. The Selection committee was Rosemarie Parent and Webb Cummings
- c) Historic Trails and Markers – presented by Charles Hou. The full report is appended.

- The Chair reviewed the current status of the proposal to create a provincial park in the Fraser Canyon that would preserve parts of the historic Anderson's Brigade Trail
  - The Committee recommended that the BCHF Council meet with the BC Minister of Tourism to discuss this proposal. BCHF Council adopted this recommendation as an action item for the coming year
  - C. Hou would like to learn about other historic markers and trails that BCHF should be aware of.
- d) Historical Writing Competition – presented by Barb Hynek – The full report is appended.
- The Committee reviewed 45 books published in 2006.
  - The awards for 2006 are: 1<sup>st</sup> prize (Lieutenant Governor's medal) Jane Watt, *High Water: Living with the Fraser Floods* ; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Mary Ellen-Kelm, ed. *The Letters of Margaret Butcher: Missionary-Imperialism on the North Pacific Coast* 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: Kathryn Bridge, *A Passion for Mountains: the Lives of Don and Phyllis Munday* Honourable Mentions: Jan Hare and Jean Barman, *Good Intentions Gone Awry Emma Crosby and the Methodist Mission on the Northwest Coast*; Judith Williams, *Clam Gardens: Aboriginal Mariculture on Canada's West Coast*; Peter Grauer, *Interred with their Bones: Bill Miner in Canada 1903-1907*
  - 5 winners received their awards from the Honorable Iona Campagnola during a reception at Government House
  - A new medal for the Lieutenant Governor's award (1<sup>st</sup> place) was designed with the assistance of the Lieutenant Governor's office and 10 copies were struck for future use.
  - Thanks to the readers and judges: Diane Rogers, Alice Marwood and Barb Hynek. Thanks to all the publishers who supplied copies of each title for review.
- e) Education – presented by Brenda Smith. The full report is appended.
- 2 workshops were organized this year. *Cultivate your membership* and *Look after your archival documents*. 45 delegates attended these workshops.
  - Planning for the 2008 workshops is underway. The tentative topics are: Financial planning and Researching in the Land Titles Office.
  - The Committee (B.L. Smith, J. Gresko and R. Hyde) would like to receive suggestions for future workshops.
- f) BCHF Scholarships – The full report is appended
- W. Kaye Lamb Scholarship for 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year student essay was not awarded for 2006
  - W. Kaye Lamb Scholarship for 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> year student essay was awarded to Ramona C. Boyle, "*The Hudson's Bay Company in Barkerville: 1867–1871*". Ms. Boyle was unable to attend the annual conference.
- g) Recognition Committee (Webb Cummings)
- The BCHF Council approved the following awards:
    - Certificate of merit – Gordon A. Watts – activities on behalf of making Canadian census files available to researchers

- Certificate of award – John Pictin, Selkirk College Computer Services – for hosting BCHF website; David Mattison – for organizing and endowing the BCHF website award; Chris Garrish – for services as BCHF webmaster; Lynne Lang – for the preservation and care of files of Beaver Cannery, Rivers Inlet
  - Awards were presented at the Banquet.
- h) Newsletter – presented by Ron Hyde. The full report is appended
- 4 issues were published during the past year. Copies are sent to each member society, are posted on the website and are included in each issue of *British Columbia History*
  - The editors hope to reissue the Historic site travel guide and are hoping to receive financial assistance from the provincial government
- i) Advocacy session – presented by Gord Miller. The full report is appended.
- The session makes the following recommendations to the BCHF, its Council and members
    - BCHF Council immediately take steps to ensure that the federation becomes involved in the discussions around a comprehensive heritage policy for British Columbia
    - Contact MLA' s for information about BC2008 program
    - Member societies should send letters to Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Minister responsible for Canadian Heritage, MP's and senators urging support for Bill S220
  - The session also wishes to submit a resolution regarding the future of the Legislative Library. This resolution has the support of BCHF Council  
 Motion: Whereas plans have been announced that the Legislative Library will be moved from the Legislative buildings;  
 Whereas there is a concern that the library will be closed and its collections dispersed;  
 be it resolved that: the British Columbia Historical Federation urge the provincial government to construct a new building for the Legislative Library so it will again become an agency that will serve both the government and people of British Columbia. The British Columbia Historical Federation also encourages the provincial government to include space in such a new library building for the BC Archives –  
 m/s Jacqueline Gresko, Naomi Miller – carried.
- Motion: Receive committee reports – m/s Tom Lymbery / L. Taylor – carried

10. Member society reports (Part 2). Brief reports of the activities of the following societies were presented. The full reports are appended and will appear on the BCHF website.

- Lions Bay Historical Society – presented by Tony Cox
- North Shuswap Historical Society
- Old Cemeteries Society of Victoria – presented by Gerry Buydens
- London Heritage Farm Society – presented by Ron Hyde
- Maple Ridge Historical Society – presented by Brenda Smith
- Lantzville Historical Society – presented by Lynne Reeve

- Nanaimo Historical Society – presented by Pamela Mar
- Nelson and District Museum, Archives, Art Gallery and Historical Society – presented by Frances Woodward

11. President's report – presented by Patricia Roy. The report is appended

12. New business

a) Election of Officers and Members at Large

- Jacqueline Gresko presented the recommendations of the Nominations Committee and conducted the election of officers and members at large.
- The BCHF Council, on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, has appointed Ron Hyde as Honorary President for 2007/2008
- The following candidates were elected by acclamation: Patricia Roy, President – Ron Greene, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Tom Lymbery, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Janet Mary Nicol, Secretary – Ken Welwood, Treasurer – Gordon Miller, Recording Secretary – Webb Cummings and Lorraine Irving.
- Council also has elected Ron Welwood as Honorary Life Member of the BCHF. This announcement of this honour will be made at the Awards banquet

13. Member society reports (Part 3). Brief reports of the activities of the following societies were presented. The full reports are appended, summaries will appear in *British Columbia History*.

- Richmond Historical Society – presented by Peter Wagenblast
- Vancouver Historical Society – presented by Larry Wong
- Victoria Historical Society – presented by Michael Layland
- Women's History Network of British Columbia – presented by Diane Rogers
- Silvery Slocan Historical Society – presented by Webb Cummings – no written report
  - working with museums/ historical societies at Silverton and Sandon
  - current project restoring early launch "Lancet"
- Surrey Historical Society – presented by Wayne Desrochers

Motion: Receive member society reports – m/s Jacqueline Gresko / Russ Fuller – carried

14. Upcoming conferences

- 2008 conference – New Westminster will be the site of the 2008 conference. BCHF will be acting as the host committee. Jacqueline Gresko outlined the program and urged all delegates to pick up the conference brochure
- 2009 conference – Ron Welwood invited delegates to make plans to attend the 2009 conference in Nelson

15. Thanks and appreciations

- Motion: Thanks to the Victoria Historical Society and Old Cemeteries Society and all the volunteers for organizing and delivering an informative and entertaining conference.– m/s Jacqueline Gresko, Pamela Mar – carried
- Arnold Ranneris noted that these thanks should also be extended to the booksellers at the Book Fair
- Russ Fuller responded on behalf of the host committee. He thanked all who had attended the conference and made it a success. He also extended a special thanks to the sponsors who supported the conference: Butchart Gardens, Victoria Van & Storage, McCall Bros.; IMAX theatre, Capital Iron, Cannon Nursery (Gift to Government House); Moore, Paterson Architects, Mortimer's Monumental Works, Monks, Thrifty Foods

#### 16. New Business

- Joint Heritage BC / BCHF activities
  - Rick Goodyear, Executive Director Heritage BC (formerly Heritage Society of British Columbia) made a series of comments to delegates. He is impressed by the number of societies who are members of BCHF and hopes it will be possible for BCHF and Heritage BC to work together on issues of common concern
  - He urged BCHF to become involved in discussions with BC Heritage Branch about a heritage policy for BC
  - He raised the possibility that in the future BCHF and Heritage BC might plan a joint conference
  - in the future Heritage BC may be able to support workshops on organizational development
- Heritage buildings grants
  - Mary Doody Jones told the delegates that the cancellation of the federal Commercial Heritage Properties Incentive Fund (CHIPF) grants that many heritage commercial buildings would not be able to be preserved and maintained.
  - She urged BCHF and member societies to write to the federal minister, MP's and senators urging that the CHIPF or similar program be restored.
  - The President commented that other societies, including Heritage BC, were taking a lead on this issue and that BCHF Council would be prepared to consider providing support to any initiative from these groups
- BCHF membership directory
  - Jacqueline Gresko noted that a list of member societies had been dropped from *British Columbia History*
  - Ron Hyde (Membership committee) noted that the intent had been to publish an annual membership list and include it as an insert in *British Columbia History*. The information was provided to the editor, but the list has not appeared
  - The President indicated that Council would review this matter

#### 17. Adjournment.

- Motion to adjourn by L. Reeve – carried. Meeting adjourned at 11.30 AM

Items distributed prior to AGM

Agenda  
Minutes of 2006 AGM

Reports presented at AGM

Treasurer's report and financial statements  
Proposed budget for 2007/2008  
Writing Competition Committee report  
Scholarship Committee report  
Historical Trails and Markers Committee report  
Education Committee report  
Membership report  
Website Committee report  
Report on Advocacy session  
President's report  
New Westminster conference brochure

Society reports presented to AGM

Arrow Lakes Historical Society  
Boundary Historical Society  
Cowichan Historical Society  
East Kootenay Historical Association  
Gray Creek Historical Society  
Gulf Islands Branch, BCHF  
Hallmark Society  
London Heritage Farm Society  
Nanaimo Historical Society  
Nelson and District Museum, Archives, Art Gallery and Historical Society  
North Shuswap Historical Society  
Old Cemeteries Society of Victoria  
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